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Sir:

This is in response to the "final" Office Action mailed 28 May, 2004, which set 28 August 2004 as the initial deadline for response. Accordingly, a Petition for a two-month extension of time, until 28 October 2004, is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-18 have been canceled and claims 19-48 remain pending.

Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.